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## **DCR TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING ON REHABILITATION OF THE BU BRIDGE**

The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) has scheduled a public meeting on Thursday evening, October 16, to discuss the agency's plans to rehabilitate the BU Bridge, which crosses the Charles River between Boston and Cambridge.

At the meeting, scheduled 6-8 p.m. in Boston University's College of General Studies auditorium, representatives from DCR and the agency's design contractor, STV, will discuss plans to repair and rehabilitate the 80-year-old bridge, which carries an estimated 41,000 vehicles a day. Bids for the roughly \$20 million project will be solicited this fall, and work is planned to begin next spring. The project will involve a total deck replacement on the bridge and is expected to be completed in about three years.

Currently, DCR's contractor, Unified Contractor Inc. of Melrose, is conducting a \$2.3 million repair of the sidewalks along both sides of the bridge.

"DCR will work closely with neighbors, commuters, and other stakeholders in the area of the bridge to ensure traffic moves as smoothly and safely as possible and disruptions are minimized during the construction project," said DCR Commissioner Richard K. Sullivan Jr. "We encourage anyone interested to attend the public meeting."

"I join Commissioner Sullivan in encouraging people to attend this meeting," said State Representative Marty Walz. "Residents of Cambridge, Boston, and Brookline should attend to learn more about the bridge rehabilitation and share any concerns they may have with DCR."

State Senator Steven Tolman said, "I would encourage members of the neighborhood, representatives from local businesses, and other stakeholders to attend this important meeting. The BU Bridge is a critical piece of infrastructure to this area; its rehabilitation and continued use will be a part of this neighborhood's future. Participation in meetings like this is crucial in creating a productive dialogue between the DCR and our residents, a conversation that will result in the best possible outcome for the community."

"We have appreciated the effectiveness of DCR in limiting, as much as possible, the inconveniences due to the current construction project on the bridge sidewalks," said State

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Senator Anthony Petrucci. “We expect that DCR will take similarly appropriate measures to further the safety and traffic efficiency during the bridge rehabilitation.”

Details of the public meeting are as follows:

WHEN: Thursday  
October 16  
6-8 p.m.

WHERE: Boston University College of General Studies  
871 Commonwealth Ave., Room 129  
Boston

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